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(54) **LIGHT-BASED TOUCH SCREEN WITH
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LENSES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A touch screen including a housing, a display mounted in the
housing, a plurality of collimating lenses mounted in the
housing along two opposite edges of the display and
arranged along the two edges so as to be shift-aligned
relative to one another, a plurality of light pulse emitters
mounted in the housing that are spaced apart from and
transmit light pulses through the collimating lenses of one of
the two edges over the display, a plurality of light pulse
receivers mounted in the housing that are spaced apart from
and receive the light pulses through the collimating lenses of
the opposite of the two edges, and a calculating unit,
mounted in the housing and connected to the receivers, that
determines a location of a pointer on the display that
partially blocks the light pulses transmitted by the emitters,
based on outputs of the receivers.

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